



Brownfields Supplemental Assistance

Port of Seattle, WA

BACKGROUND


EPA awarded the City of Seattle, in partnership with the Port of Seattle, supplemental assistance for its Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot. The Pilot targets the 970-acre Ballard Interbay Northend Manufacturing Industrial Center (BINMIC), established originally to ensure the availability of industrial land for a diversified employment base. BINMIC is home to over 1,000 businesses. The need for businesses to expand and potential contamination on many properties has forced successful businesses to move to other locations and threatens to undermine the foundation of the center.

The objective of the original Pilot was to begin the process of assessing, cleaning up, and reusing industrial properties in the BINMIC and thus retain successful industries and add new family-wage jobs. The original Pilot, managed by the Port of Seattle, established baseline groundwater hydrogeologic conditions, documented the nature of contamination in the BINMIC, and developed standards for soil and groundwater cleanups at typical BINMIC sites. The supplemental funds, to be managed by the City of Seattle in partnership with the Port, will use these tools to address three sites that will serve as case studies for future redevelopment in the BINMIC and serve to validate the tools for use at other BINMIC sites. Three potential candidate sites for case studies include a former metal fabrication facility on a canal, a former marine engine repair and maintenance shop by Salmon Bay, and a former chrome plating plant.

OBJECTIVES AND PLANNED ACTIVITIES

The objective of the Pilot is to build on the success of the original Pilot and apply the tools for streamlining cleanups to specific BINMIC properties in a case study setting. A selection panel representing the Port of Seattle, the City of Seattle, and the community will select sites for the case study. Financial and technical assistance will encourage

PILOT SNAPSHOT



*Port of Seattle,
Washington*

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Profile: The Pilot targets three contaminated properties in the 970-acre BINMIC industrial area for use as case studies in the application of assessment and cleanup planning tools.

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property owners to cleanup their sites with BINMIC tools. Each case study site will receive funds for assessment, technical assistance, and preparation of cleanup plans. A technical assistance team will be available to help property owners design an assessment strategy, identify contaminants of concern, and select cleanup goals.

Activities planned as part of this Pilot include:

- Providing outreach to explain the program to affected businesses and local community members;
- Selecting the case study sites based on minimal specific criteria; and
- Facilitating the use of BINMIC tools at the three selected case-study sites with the help of a technical team that will assist owners in designing an assessment strategy, identifying chemicals of concern, and selecting cleanup goals.

The cooperative agreement for this Pilot has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.